LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOÃO PEDRO RATO BOGA DE OLIVEIRA RIBEIRO



Lieutenant General João Pedro Rato Boga de Oliveira Ribeiro was born in Covilhã on 29 December 1964 and has 41 years of service. He joined the Portuguese Military Academy in September 1982, completing a Bachelor's degree in Military Sciences – Infantry branch in 1987 and a Master's degree in the same field in 2014.

He has completed all mandatory career courses, as well as specialized courses in Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence, Peace Support Operations, Combat Readiness Evaluation, the Staff Course at the Institute for Higher Military Studies, and the General Officer Promotion Course.

He was promoted to his current rank on 13 November 2023.

He has held various national positions in command, leadership, and staff roles. Highlights include three years commanding company-level sub-units, directing the Infantry Officer Promotion Training Course, serving as Commander of the Infantry Practical School, Chief of the Force Planning Division at Army Staff Headquarters, and Commander of the Mechanised Brigade.

In staff and advisory roles, he served as Military Advisor for the Army to the President of the Republic (2006–2008), Head of the Planning, Evaluation, and Quality Office at the Military Academy, and Advisor to the Commander for Training and to the Commander of Land Forces.

In the field of education and training, he served as an instructor for cadets at the Military Academy, infantry captain promotion courses, professor at the Institute for Higher Military Studies (teaching Defensive Tactics and Joint and Combined Operations), Director of the Joint Staff Course, and Director of the Master's in Military Sciences – Security and Defence at the Institute for Higher Military Studies.

Internationally, he served as Operations Officer for Task Force DELTA/Kosovo Force (2000–2001), Staff Training Development Officer and Policy and Programming Officer in the Training Division at Joint Force Command Naples (2003–2006). As a General Officer, he was Force Commander of the European Union Training Mission in Mali (Dec. 2019 – Jun. 2020) and Deputy Commander

of NATO Rapid Deployable Corps – Spain in Valencia (Feb. 2021 – 16 Nov. 2023).

He has conducted studies and led initiatives in the areas of Training Quality, Distance Learning, Volunteer Army Training Systems, and the Transformation of the Armed Forces since 1974. He also coordinated the national preparation of the EU Battle Group alongside Spain, France, and Italy, and represented the Portuguese Army in various NATO, FINABEL, and EUROFOR working groups.

His service record includes numerous commendations and decorations, notably:

- Commander of the Military Order of Avis
- Five Silver Medals for Distinguished Service, including one with palm
- Military Merit Medals (1st and 3rd class)
- National Defence Medal (2nd class)
- Medals of D. Afonso Henriques (1st, 2nd and 3rd classes)
- Gold Medal for Exemplary Conduct
- Two NATO Kosovo Campaign Medals
- Common Security and Defence Policy Medal for Extraordinary Meritorious Service
- French National Defence Medal (Bronze)
- Officer of the National Order of the Republic of Mali
- Grand Cross of Military Merit (White Distinction), Kingdom of Spain
- Officer of the Legion of Merit, United States of America

He is married and has one daughter and two sons.

ATLANTIC CENTRE

Brigadier-General Nuno Lemos Pires

Coordinator of the Atlantic Centre (2019-2021)



Nuno Lemos Pires, Army Brigadier-General, PhD, is currently assigned as National Defence Policy Deputy Director at the Ministry of Defence and Professor at the Portuguese Military Academy in Lisbon/ Portugal. He holds a PhD in History, Defence and International Relations; a Master degree in Military Science, a Postgraduate in Military History; BA in Human Resources Management and two War College Diplomas (Flag Officers Promotion Course and Staff Course).

He served in several units including: as Platoon and Company commander in Infantry School; Military History and Strategy Professor at the PRT War College; as Intel Officer in NATO Rapid Deployable Corps – Spain; as MA to the Commander at NATO Joint Command Lisbon; as Mechanize Battalion Commander in the PRT Mechanized Brigade; as Training Director at the Combined Arms School and Commandant of Cadets at the Military Academy.

During his assignments he participated in mission in Mozambique, Angola, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

With 10 books published, he cooperated in more than 100 books, articles and projects written in Portuguese, Spanish and English, specially related to Military History, Strategy and International Relations.

BRIGADIER L J DRUMMOND MBE



Brigadier Leigh Drummond commissioned into the King's Own Scottish Borderers in 1996 and has served in numerous theatres, including on operations in Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brigadier Drummond's early career was spent entirely at Regimental Duty. On selection for promotion to Major in 2005 he attended the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land) and was subsequently posted to the Army Personnel Centre as SO2 Officer Career Development. Following an OCE tour in Kabul, he moved to Canterbury in 2009 to command an Air Assault company in 5 SCOTS. Having completed an MBA, he then handed over the Company during Op HERRICK 13 and moved to Hohne in Germany to become Chief of Staff 7th Armoured Brigade.

Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel resulted in a move back to Shrivenham to attend the Advanced Command and Staff Course, before deploying to Kabul as the Chief of Staff of the Ground Forces Command Advisory Team. Brigadier Drummond subsequently commanded 4 SCOTS before promotion to Colonel in 2016. Having completed a two-year tour as DACOS HQ Standing Joint Command (UK) he was then assigned to be the COS of the US 2* Special Operations Joint Task Force on Op INHERENT RESOLVE. On returning to the UK he was appointed as a Divisional Director in the Army Division at the Joint Command and Staff College before moving in August 2021 to become Assistant Head Personal Services in Army HQ. On promotion in Jan 23 he became ACOS Plans in HQ Fd Army and moved to his current appointment as Head of the Leadership, Education and Development Group in Mar 25.

Brigadier Drummond has two daughters at university and enjoys running, squash, rugby, cooking and fine wine.

ANSELMO DEL MORAL TORRES

SPANISH GUARDIA CIVIL COLONEL

GUARDIA CIVIL UNIVERSITY CENTRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Member of the XLVII promotion of the Academia General Militar in Zaragoza (Spain), and the XXXVIII of the Academia de Oficiales de la Guardia Civil in Aranjuez (Madrid), he disposes of a Law degree, a Master in High Public Management, and a Ph.D. in International Public Law & International Relationships. He was also seconded national expert in the High Studies Centre of the Ministry of Interior (CHEMI), and the Security and Justice High Studies Institute (INHESJ) at the École Militaire in Paris (France), and trainee in the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst (UK).

Currently he is Executive Director at the Guardia Civil University Centre (www.cugc.es) based in Aranjuez (Madrid), where he is responsible among other aspects, of implementing European Higher Education Standards and active learning methodologies based in technology. He previously served at the Guardia Civil Officers Academy, as director of the Guardia Civil senior chief course, and professor on Leadership and Management for law enforcement officers.

He has experiences leading and coordinating international capacity building and security reform projects in different geopolitical areas mainly in America, Maghreb, Middle East, The Balkans and Eurasia.

In operational assignments, he served as team leader in the Investigations & Operations Directorate of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in Brussels for 7 years in worldwide investigations against corruption and organised crime; and previously as head of criminal investigations departments in the Judicial Police Central Operational Unit (UCO) leading investigations against organised crime and cybercrime. He was computer analyst in the Criminal Intelligence area of the Judicial Police Service in the interconnection with the SHENGEN Information

System; he began his professional career in security matters in the Barcelona Olympic Games and the EXPO92 in Seville.

He has mainly commanded investigation and criminal intelligence units at national and international level with experience in various activities with international entities (UNODC, INTERPOL, EUROPOL, EUROJUST, OLAF, CEPOL, FRONTEX), and disposes also of an academic profile in the field of international police cooperation and leadership & management, with participation as organizer and speaker in events in Spanish, English and French. He has published research articles and books related to good practices in law enforcement cooperation and criminal intelligence exchange, and Leadership & Management, and has been decorated by different Institutions from Spain, France, Portugal, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and United Nations.

COLONEL JUAN JESÚS PAVÓN COTO



Colonel Juan Jesús Pavón Coto is a Spanish military officer with a background in artillery. Here are some details about his career and publications:

Publications: He has written articles for the magazine *Ejército: de tierra español*, including *"The European Union Young Officers Exchange Initiative"* in 2012.

Rank: Pavón Coto held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery and was mentioned in a 2001 resolution of the *Boletín Oficial del Estado (BOE)* concerning his promotion.

Education: He completed his military education in 1993, becoming a Lieutenant in the Higher Scale of Armed Forces Officers, equivalent to Level 3 of the Spanish Qualifications Framework (comparable to a Master's level).

Activities: Additionally, he participated in important military events, such as the ceremony in which the General's Sash was bestowed upon King Felipe VI.

LIEUTENANT – COLONEL NUNO LUÍS PEREIRA MONTEIRO



Lieutenant Colonel Nuno Luís Pereira Monteiro joined the Military Academy in 1991, where he pursued a degree in Military Sciences with a specialization in Artillery.

After completing the Artillery Officer Training Course, he was assigned to the Field Artillery Group of the Independent Mechanized Brigade, where he remained for five years. He held various positions during this time, including Platoon Commander, Instructor, and Commander of a Self-Propelled Artillery Battery.

He was later assigned to what was then the Transport Service Battalion, where he served as Operations Officer and Company Commander.

He earned a degree in Psychology from the Faculty of Psychology of the University of Lisbon between 2002 and 2007.

From 2007 to 2008, he completed a Master's in Emotional Intelligence at the same institution.

From 2008 to 2014, he served at the Army's Centre for Applied Psychology, where he worked in training, selection, crisis intervention, psychological support, and team development.

He accompanied several National Detached Forces in operational theatres such as Lebanon and Afghanistan. He also led a team of Portuguese military personnel assigned to a selection process for the Armed Forces of Timor-Leste.

In 2014, he was assigned to the Armed Forces Social Action Institute, where he served as Head of the Medical Support Service and led the Psychology Unit at the Oeiras Social Support Center.

In 2019, he assumed the role of Deputy Director of the Runa Social Support Center, and in 2023, he returned to Oeiras as Deputy Director.

Since 2024, he has been assigned to the Military University Institute, where he serves as Head of the Planning Service alongside his role as a Lecturer.

LIEUTENANT- COLONEL WILSON ANTUNES



Wilson Talhão Antunes is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Portuguese Army. He joined the Military Academy in 2000, where he took a degree in Military Health, specializing in Veterinary Medicine. He completed his Veterinary Science degree at the Technical University of Lisbon in 2006 and graduated from the Military Academy in 2007. His academic background also includes a Ph.D. in Molecular Biosciences from the Institute of Chemical and Biological Technology at NOVA University Lisbon.

He has completed several military training courses, including:

- The Paratrooper Troops Course,
- The NATO Defense Against Biological Warfare Agents Course,
- The Training Course with Live Chemical Warfare Agents.

Currently, he serves as the Head of the Nanomorphology Imaging and X-Ray Spectroscopy Laboratory and Research, Development, and Innovation Coordinator at the Military Laboratory Unit for Biological and Chemical Defense of the Portuguese Army. In this role, he oversees multiple R&D projects with applications in Security and Defense.